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While Microsoft probably overplayed its hand enough to get its would be competitors upset to the point of initiating this action, they have certainly done more good for the American consumer than harm. They, by innovation and standardization, have probably done immeasurable good in improving the productivity of our entire work force.

I would have preferred that the Department of Justice had not gotten involved in the first place; however, they have and it sounds like the settlement worked out is fair.

With respect to the 9 hold-out states that want even more, I am not sure what their game is. Do they want money as an alternative source of revenue in lieu of raising taxes because they think they can get away with it? Do they want glory and recognition? Do they want to punish Microsoft because they are jealous? Or do they really believe they and the consumers they represent have really been dealt an injustice?

It certainly makes no sense to me.  
Thanks for your time and consideration.

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